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SUBJ: POSSIBILITY OF PANAM SERVICE TO BURUNDI

1. DURING CONVERSATION APRIL 25 WITH PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER NYABOYA ON OTHER MATTERS, HE ASKED ME WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FIND OUT INFORMALLY WHETHER PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN ADDING BUJUMBURA TO ITS AFRICAN SERVICE ON THE NAIROBI TO WEST AFRICA ROUTE. I INQUIRED WHETHER AVIATION MINISTER HAD OKAYED THIS QUERY, AND HE ANSWERED NEGATIVELY. HOWEVER, HE WAS DOING IT AT BEHEST OF PRIME MINISTER NZAMBIMANA AND AVIATION MINISTER WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM.

2. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THERE HAS BEEN A GRADUAL INCREASE IN NUMBER OF TRAVELERS BETWEEN BUJUMBURA AND WEST AFRICA. CURRENTLY, MOST OF THEM FLY TO EITHER NAIROBI OR KINSHASA TO CHANGE PLANES, ALTHOUGH SOME ARE BEGINNING TO USE NEW ONCE WEEKLY CAMEROON AIRLINE SERVICE TO DOUALA. OCCASIONALLY, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS STILL HAVE TO FLY VIA EUROPE TO GET EXPEDITIOUSLY TO A WEST AFRICAN CAPITAL. I HAVE NO OFFHAND IDEA OF NUMBER OF PASSENGERS PANAM MIGHT HOPE TO DISCHARGE OR PICK UP IN BUJUMBURA IF IT MADE A
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WEEKLY STOP HERE ON ONE OF ITS FLIGHTS BETWEEN WEST AFRICA AND NAIROBI.

3. I ALSO DO NOT KNOW WHAT COMPLICATIONS SUCH A STOP MIGHT CREATE FOR PANAM'S CURRENT AIR TRAFFIC ACCORDS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON ITS AFRICAN SERVICE. PRESUMABLY, FOR EXAMPLE, ZAIRE WOULD REFUSE KINSHASA TO BUJUMBURA

PASSENGER RIGHTS (AS IT REFUSES CAMEROON AIRWAYS) BECAUSE OF THE COMPETITION TO AIR ZAIRE. BUJUMBURA TO NAIROBI RIGHTS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH OTHER LINES COMPETE ON THAT LEG.

4. I THINK BURUNDI AUTHORITIES WOULD NOW BE SATISFIED WITH INFORMAL INDICATION OF WHETHER EVENTUAL STOP IN BUJUMBURA IS EVEN WITHIN REALM OF PANAM'S POSSIBILITIES. IF PANAM DOES SHOW MORE INTEREST THAN I ANTICIPATE, WE WOULD OF COURSE BE READY TO PURSUE THE MATTER HERE IN MORE DETAIL.
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